GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF CALAMITIES RELIEF FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General in its report No. 3 of 1999 (Civil)has highlighted diversion of Rs. 519.54 crore by State Governments on activities not connected with relief measures;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have taken any action thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure that Calamity Relief Fund is used for the purpose for which it is given to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India had brought out instances ofinappropriate and inadmissible expenditure by various States from the Calamity ReliefFund (CRF) and from allocations made from the National Fund for Calamity Relief(NFCR). These findings together with the recommendations thereon by the Public Accounts Committee, in its 28th Report, have been brought to the notice of the State Governments with the directions that each and every instance of this nature be inquired into and specific responsibility be fixed for lapses noticed, alongwith remedial action.